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1.	Statement				
	Novelty ((N)	Claims	5, 7, 10-24	YES
			Claims	1-4, 6, 8, 9	NO
	Inventive	step (IS)	Claims	10-24	YES
			Claims	1-9	NO
	Industrial	applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
			Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2003-34725 A (Kao Corporation), 7 February 2003

Document 2: JP 2001-114901 A (Technology Resources Inc.), 24 April 2001

Document 3: JP 7-70255 A (Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.), 14 March 1995.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8

The inventions of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 do not appear to be novel based on document 1 cited in the ISR.

The synthetic polymer and the silicone compound described in document 1 differ in affinity for a water-soluble aid ingredient containing oligosaccharide.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 9

The inventions of claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 9 do not appear to be novel based on document 2 cited in the ISR.

The polyvinyl acetate and other resins described in document 2 differ in affinity for a water-soluble aid ingredient containing oligosaccharide.

Claims 1, 2, and 4

The inventions of claims 1, 2, and 4 do not appear to be novel based on document 3 cited in the ISR.

The alkyl acrylate rubber and the methyl methacrylate glass described in document 3 differ in affinity for a water-soluble aid ingredient containing oligosaccharide.

Claims 5 and 7

The inventions of claims 5 and 7 appear to involve an inventive step over documents 1 and 3, respectively, cited in the ISR.

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A person skilled in the art can easily compare the thickness of the silicone compound layer described in document 1 with the thickness of the methyl methacrylate glass shell described in document 3, to keep them within the range of $10 \text{ nm} - 1 \mu \text{m}$, by using his ordinary level of creativity.

A person skilled in the art can easily determine the ratio (by weight) of the alkyl acrylate rubber and the methyl methacrylate glass described in document 3 to keep it within the range of 30/70 - 99/1, by using his ordinary level of creativity.

Claim 7

The invention of claim 7 appears to involve an inventive step over document 2 cited in the ISR.

A person skilled in the art can easily determine the ratio (by weight) of the alkyl polyvinyl acetate and other resins described in document 2 to keep it within the range of 30/70 - 99/1, by using an ordinary level of creativity.

Claim 10

The invention of claim 10 appears to involve an inventive step over document 2 cited in the ISR.

Documents 1-3 do not describe that the composite particles are substantially spherical with an average diameter of $0.1 - 10 \mu m$ and an average diameter variation coefficient of 60 at maximum and that the ratio of major diameter to minor diameter (major diameter/minor diameter) = 1.5/1 - 1/1. Described in the present application, these features reduce particle size distribution, which is an advantageous effect.

Claims 11-23

The inventions of claims 11-23 appear to involve an inventive step over documents 1-3 cited in the ISR.

Documents 1-3 do not describe that the dispersion is made by dispersing a particulate dispersed phase comprising an organic solid ingredient (A) containing multiple organic solid substances, in a matrix comprising a water-soluble aid ingredient at least containing oligosaccharide (B1). Described in the present application, this feature results in the composite particles having smaller particle size distribution with generally controlled particle sizes, which is an advantageous effect.

Claim 24

The invention of claim 24 appears to involve an inventive step over documents 1-3 cited in the ISR.

Documents 1-3 do not describe that the aid ingredient (B) is dissolved away from the specific dispersion above, in order to make composite particles comprising an organic solid ingredient (A) containing multiple organic solid substances. Described in the present application, this feature results in the composite particles having smaller particle size distribution with generally controlled particle sizes, which is an advantageous effect.